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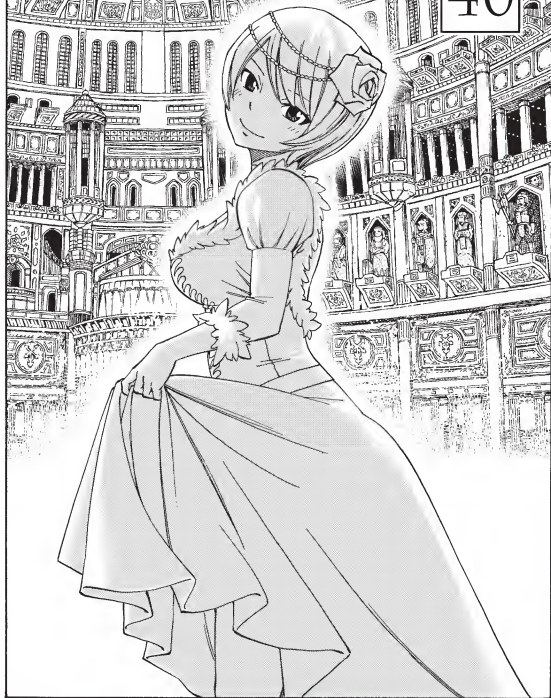
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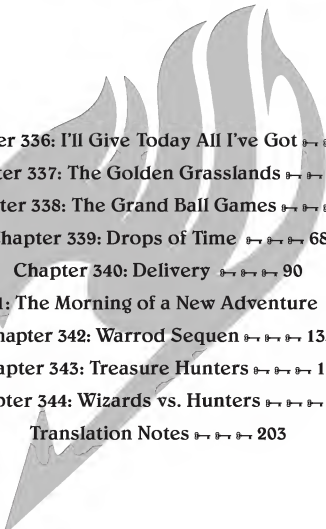
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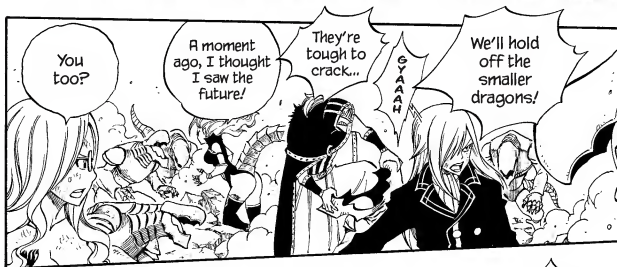
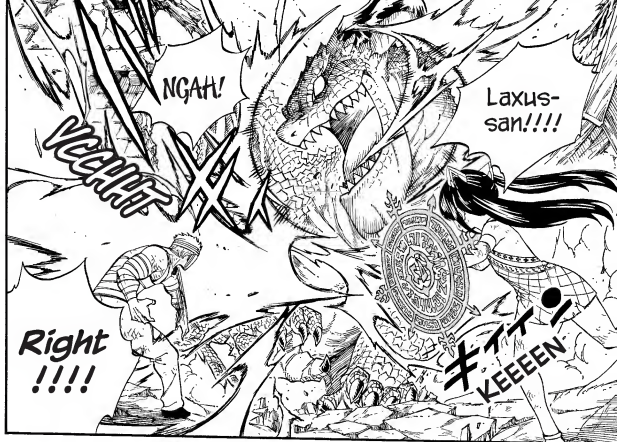
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Chapter 336: I'll Give Today All I've Got





I have a duty
to watch over
these people.

No... Please
allow me to
stay here...

Look at
this!!!



DMP
FA
DMP II
FA

Lucy-
sama!!

DMP
FA

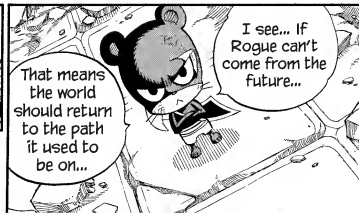
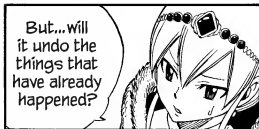
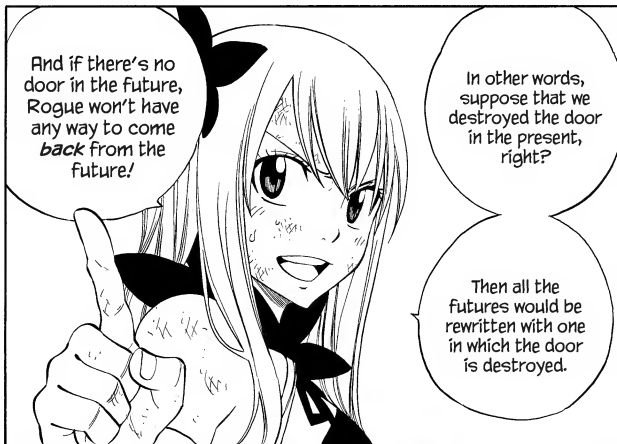
Everybody
!!!!

The future
Lucy?

Look
here!

A notebook
from the
future me.

What is
this...?





How-
ever, there
remains one
very large
problem.



It's
certainly
worth
trying!



If all goes well,
the dragons and
Rogue will all
disappear from
this time!!



How do we
destroy such
a massive
structure?



Yes
!!!!

We just have
to hit it with all
the magic we've
got!!!!



We still
have to
try!

It won't
be easy to
destroy.

It's built of a
metal extremely
resistant
to magic,
Maginanium.



You're
kidding...

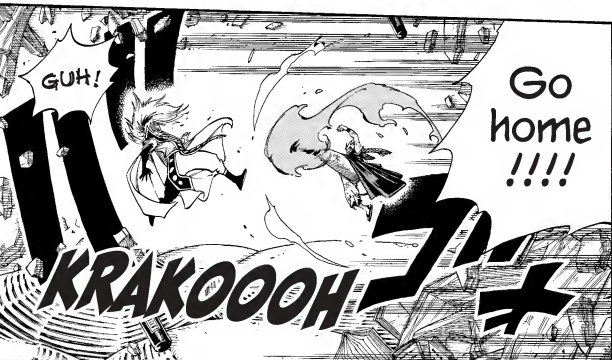
Not
even a
scratch...



Whoa!

KH!







He and I
will eventually
become one, like
two shadows
merging.



Then
what's
the other
Rogue
supposed
to do?!

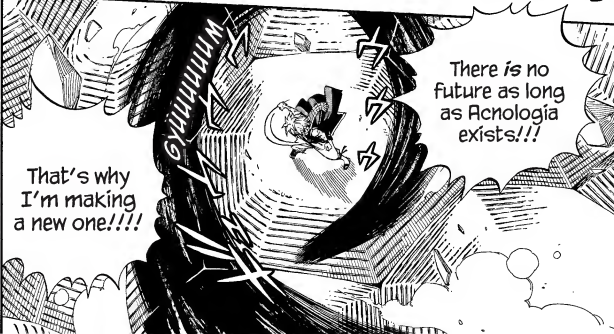


I have
no intention
of going
back!



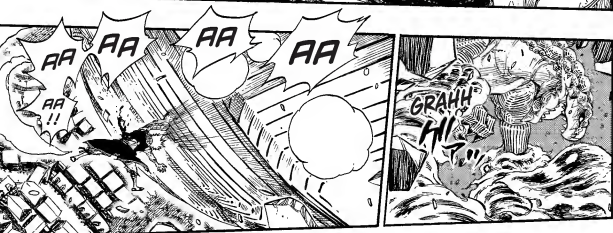
You want
to steal
Rogue's
future?!!!

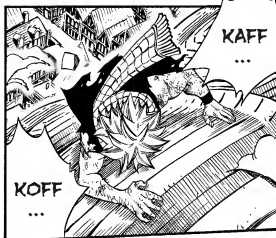
SHAAASH



There *is* no
future as long
as Achnologia
exists!!!

That's why
I'm making
a new one!!!!





KAFF

...

KOFF

...



Heh heh
heh...



Not
yet...!

Frosch
is
dead.



What
about
Frosch
...?



You're
okay! I'm
here with
you!

AHHH...



In one
year,
perhaps.

Frosch
will die...

One way
or another.



HAH

HAH

HAH



**But
Frosch is
alive...
right
now!!!!**



Can't
you stop
it...?

I wasn't
able to.



You
have never
known true
despair...



Listen,
you...



I am no longer
amused
playing with
one insignificant
cat!

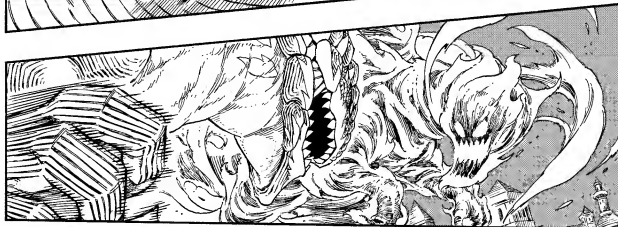
What
does it
matter?



**You cannot
understand
the desperate
feeling of
clinging onto
your last
hope!!!!**



So for your one
hope, you're
going to bring
despair into the
past?!!!



When are
you going
to grow
up, Natsu
Dragneel
?!!!



It's not
possible
to make
everyone
happy!!!



And it sure
as heck
ain't the
future that
you're
choosing
for us!!!!

We're
going
to keep
heading for
the future
we choose
!!!



Everybody
has a right
to choose
their own
future!!!

Even
if all
that's
true...



Natsu!!!

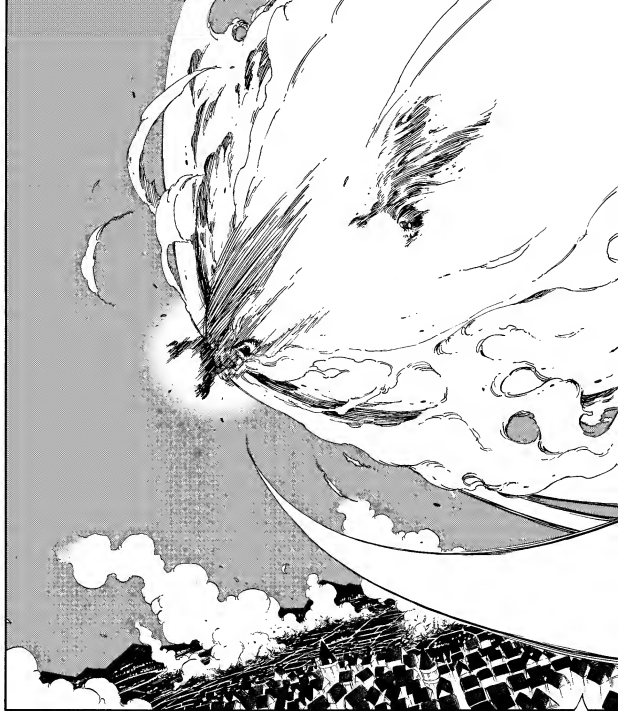


I don't need
to know the
future!!!

DWOOOM

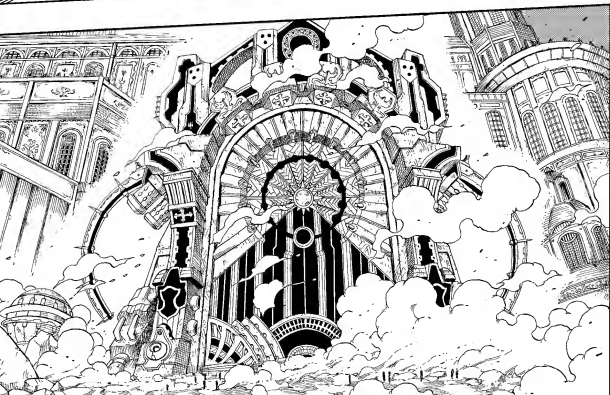
I'll just
give
TODAY
all I've
got
!!!!!!







HA
HA
HA
H
!!!



Get
away
from
here!!!!

Everybody,
get away
from the
door!!!!



!!!



Huh...?
What...?

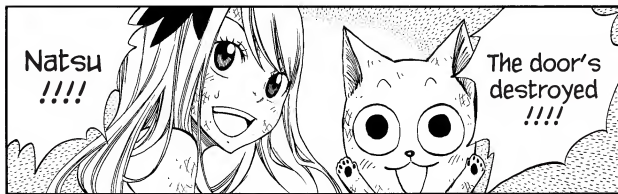


We can't
mooove
it even a
little!!!

How
stubborn
can a door
be...?!

HAH
HAH
HAH





Natsu
!!!!

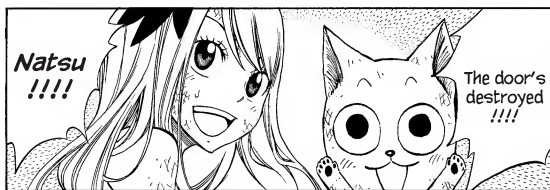
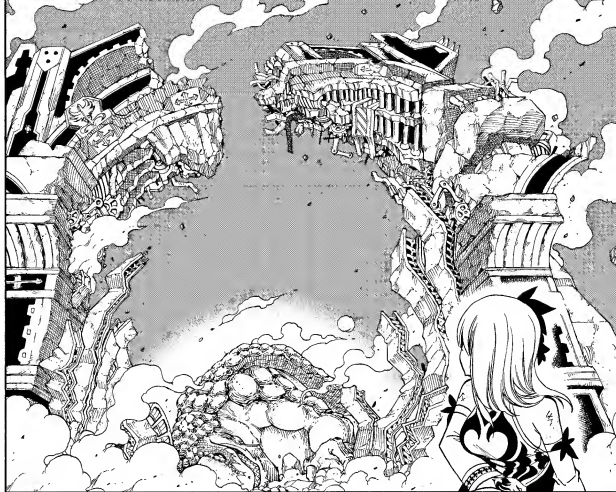
The door's
destroyed
!!!!

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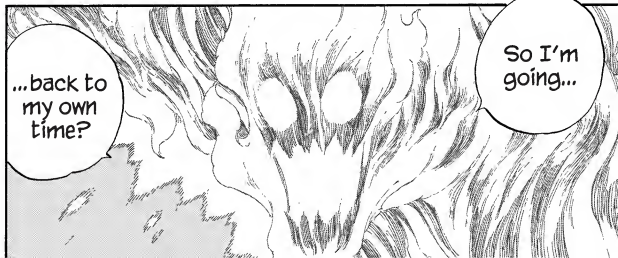
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Chapter 337: The Golden Grasslands











Guh!

Not by
humans
...!!!!

Not by
those
puny
humans
!!!!

KABAM

H-
Hey...

Your
Highness
!!!!

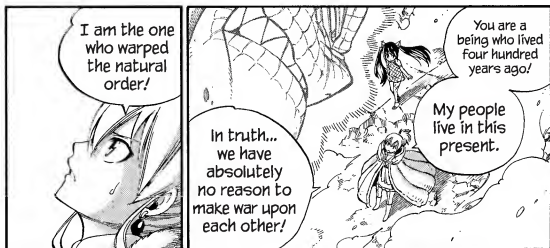
It's dan-
gerous
here!!

I'm
sorry!



I am responsible for ruining the natural flow of your time!

I am the one who built the door that lead through time.

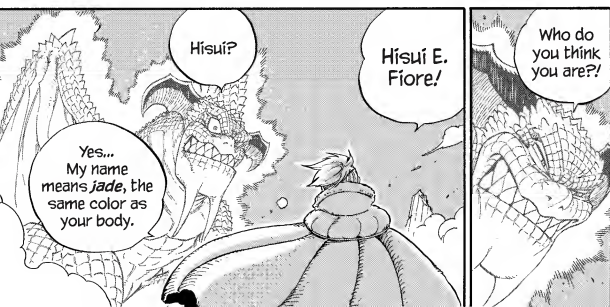


I am the one who warped the natural order!

You are a being who lived four hundred years ago!

My people live in this present.

In truth... we have absolutely no reason to make war upon each other!



Hisui?

Hisui E. Fiore!

Who do you think you are?!

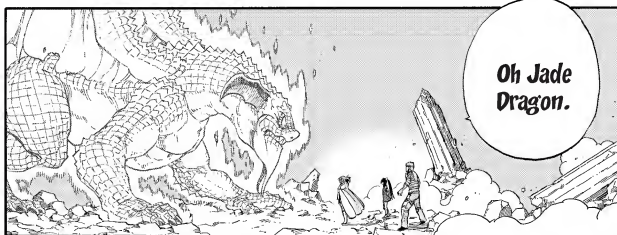
Yes... My name means *jade*, the same color as your body.



The
very
same.



The
same...you
say?



Oh Jade
Dragon.



I was
going
to...



Whoa! Hold on
a second!!!
Dammit!!! You
tricked me!!!



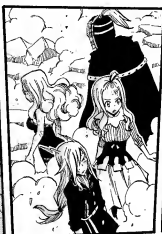
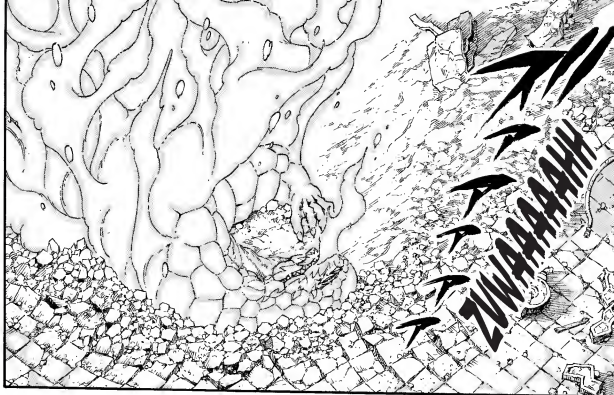
Hm?



Not bad.
It sort
of has
a ring
to it.

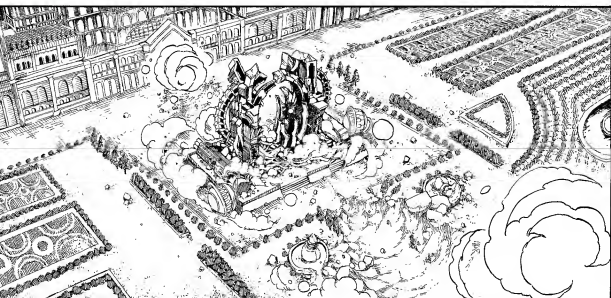
"Jade
Dragon
..."

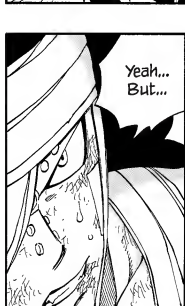




*Natsu
Dragneel!*

*I will not
forget
you...*





...then Acnologia is probably even more...

If these dragons are *that* powerful...

...then Acnologia is probably even more...

If these dragons are *that* powerful...

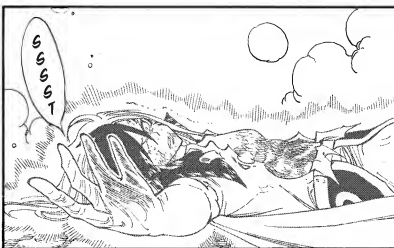
What kind of dragon slayers are we?

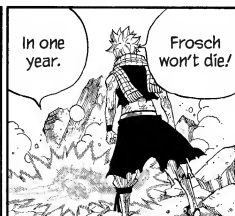
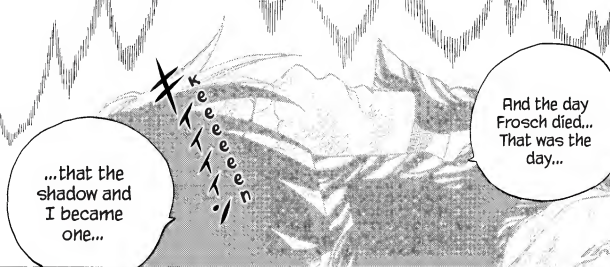
That was pathetic ...

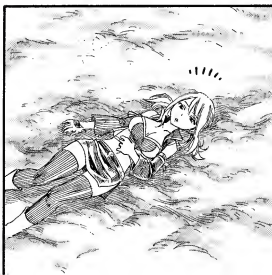
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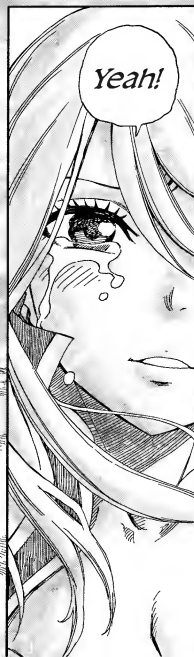
We protected our comrades.

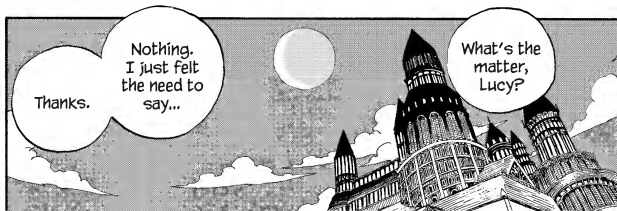
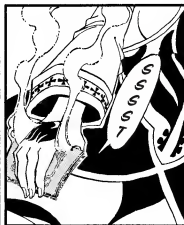
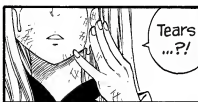
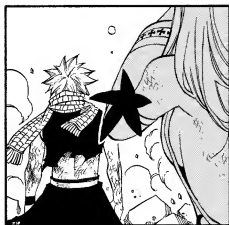








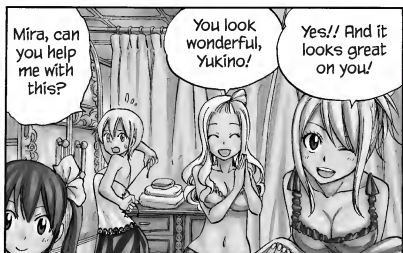




Thanks.

Nothing.
I just felt
the need to
say...

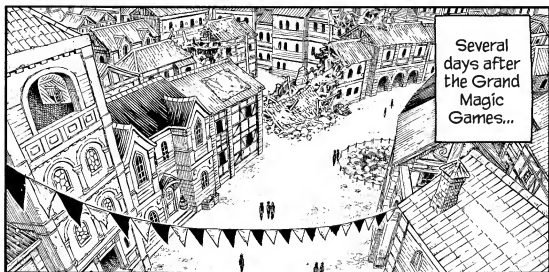
What's the
matter,
Lucy?







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All of the members of the other guilds are arriving too.

Over here.

At least I'm dressed!

You look ridiculous in that getup!

Oh!! You're here!!

Amazing ...

Wow!

Huh? Isn't Natsu here?

Come to mention it, I haven't seen him.

All Hail King Ichiya!!

What a resplendent world this is!

Whoever thought he would invite all these ruffians to the palace?

The king's not skimping on this, is he?

Hey, Cana!! You're in a palace, you know!!

Booze!! More booze!!

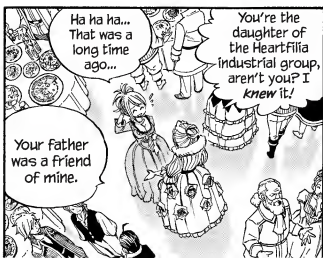
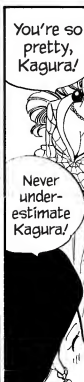
This meat tastes great!!

A man should eat!! That's what a man does!

It's the post-game party for the Grand Magic Games!!!

MURMUR
MURMUR
MURMUR

MURMUR
MURMUR
MURMUR
MURMUR
MURMUR





I'm a wizard in a guild.

Trouble comes with the territory!



He did a great deal to help me, but...

...I've caused you nothing but trouble.

Ver. 1.1



Ver. 1.0



Ver. 1.2



Ver. 1.3



Juvia has now entered a new era of Juvias.

What are you, a machine, now?

Gray-sama, Juvia is now Juvia Ver. 2.0!



Isn't your pink-haired gentleman friend with you today?



Come to think of it, I wonder where he's got to?

If I don't like something, I come right out and say it!

I've entered a new era of Grays too.

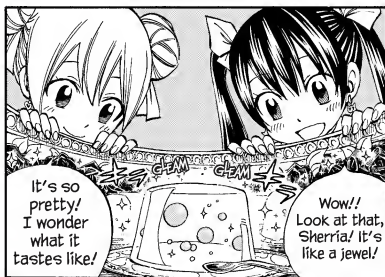
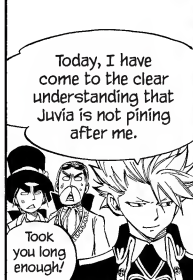


Rejected.

TWIRL
<3!!

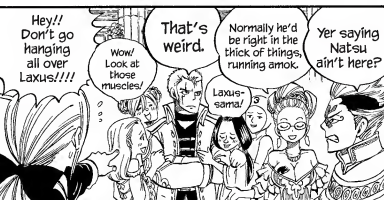


Gray-sama, Juvia loves you!!!

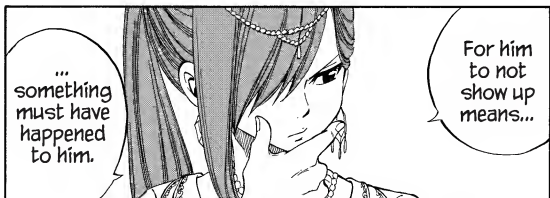
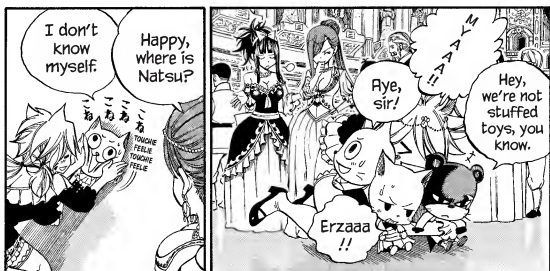




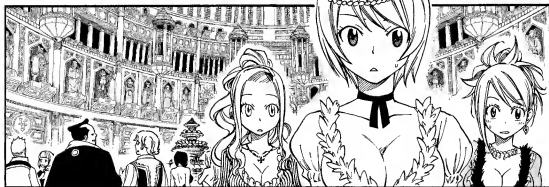
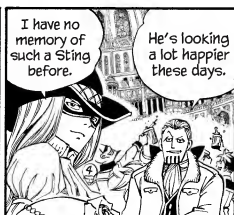
Only FT members can see her.

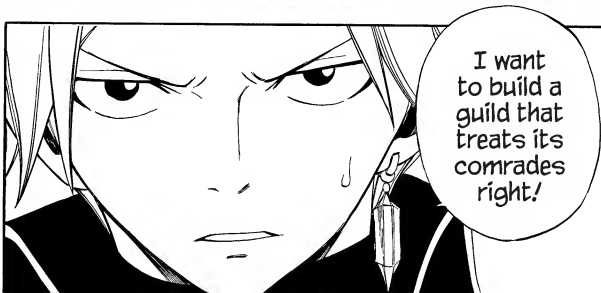
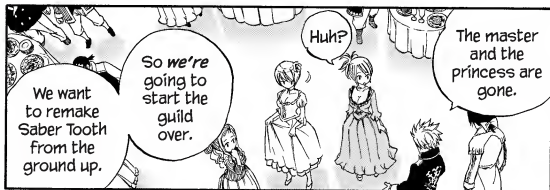


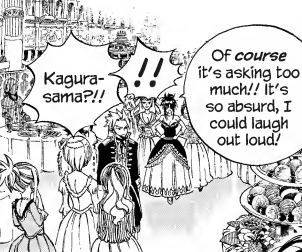






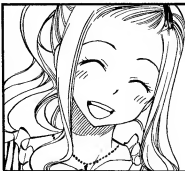












We
finally got
a smile out
of you!







*Hey
there,
sub-
jects!
Be at
ease
!!!!*

HAAAA
HA HA
HA HA
HA HA

!!!!!!
.....

BOOOOM

*Give that
back!
Punkin!*

GONNNNNNNING



All hail
King
Natsu!!!!



I am
the
king
now
!!!!

W-We
can't beat
him...



Hungry
Wolf
Knights,
sick
him!



フアッ
ZWOOSH



You're
going
overboard
again!



So let me be
King for a while!
And you all can
be my minions!!
Ah ha ha ha!!

What's the
problem?
We won it,
didn't we?!

Give it
back/
Punkin!



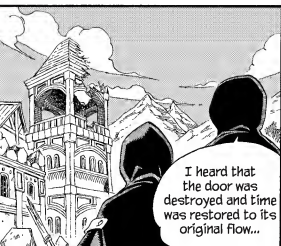
Give it
back/
Punkin!



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Chapter 339: Drops of Time





But that has a down-side, too.



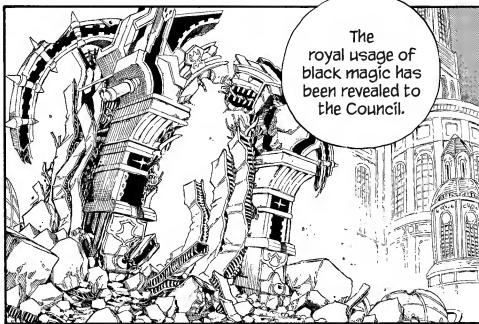
I must admit, I'm grateful that I can remember it.



Maybe time was twisted too far, and not everything *can* go back to how it was.



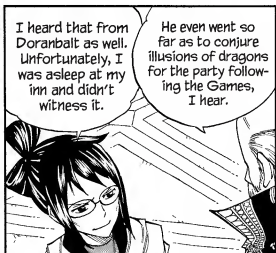
I hope it doesn't become a problem...

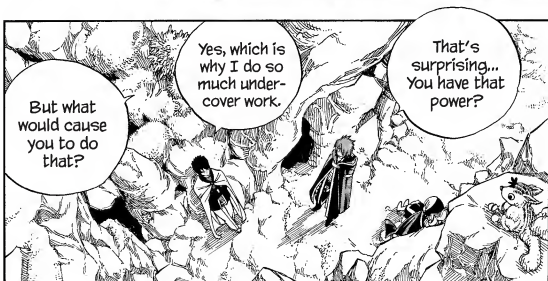


The royal usage of black magic has been revealed to the Council.



Doranbalt!





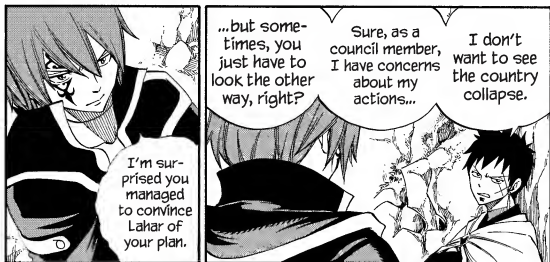


The people would lose their trust in the government, and if worse came to worst, it might even destroy the monarchy.

You will never speak of this incident to anybody!

"Eclipse" is one of the magics in the Book of Zeref.

Everyone would suffer if it was revealed that the royal family itself was involved in the use of black magic.

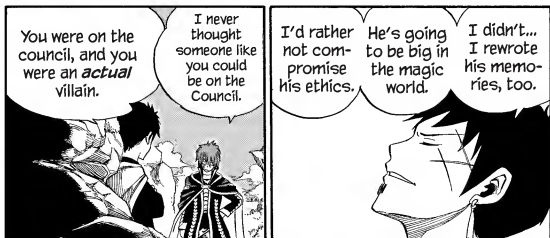


I'm surprised you managed to convince Lahar of your plan.

...but sometimes, you just have to look the other way, right?

Sure, as a council member, I have concerns about my actions...

I don't want to see the country collapse.



You were on the council, and you were an *actual* villain.

I never thought someone like you could be on the Council.

I'd rather not compromise his ethics.

He's going to be big in the magic world.

I didn't... I rewrote his memories, too.





Several days earlier...



He went back quietly.

I never thought he'd come back...



You're a villain who keeps his promises?



Yeah... Here you called me for a job, and I wasn't able to slay a single dragon.

I was pretty pathetic, huh?



For now, I'll stay quiet and let you lead me back to my cozy little cell.



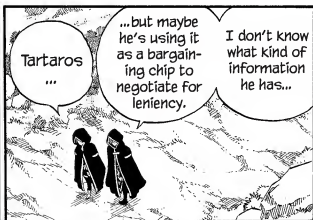
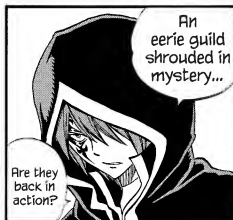
Voices?



I like it outside. I got to hear a ton of voices.

Cubellios, I heard your voice too.

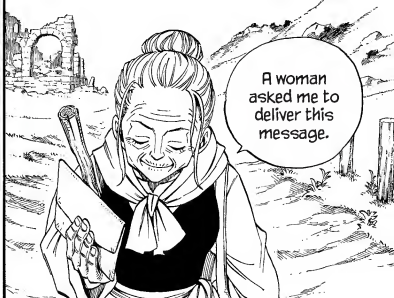






It can't be...!!!!

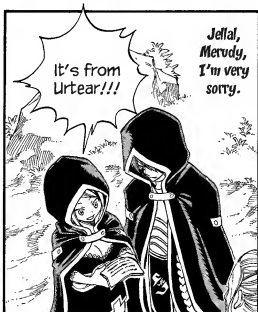
A letter ?!



A woman asked me to deliver this message.



In the last battle, I used a certain magic, but it was ineffective...



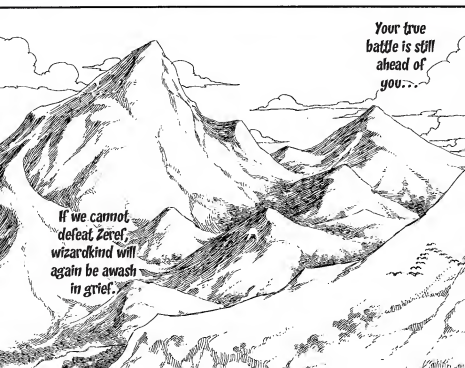
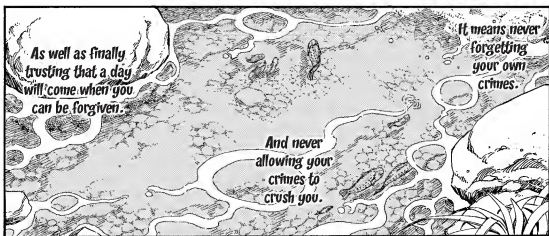
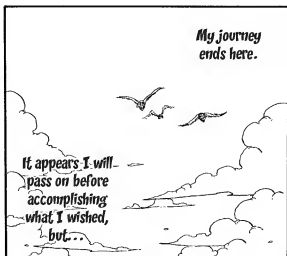
It's from Urtear!!!

Jellal, Merudy, I'm very sorry.



...and it left me with only a short time to live.

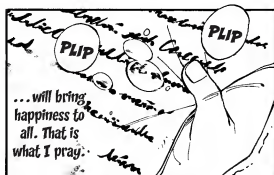
Still, I wanted, somehow, to say goodbye...





Please
live
on for
me...

...and
keep
fighting.



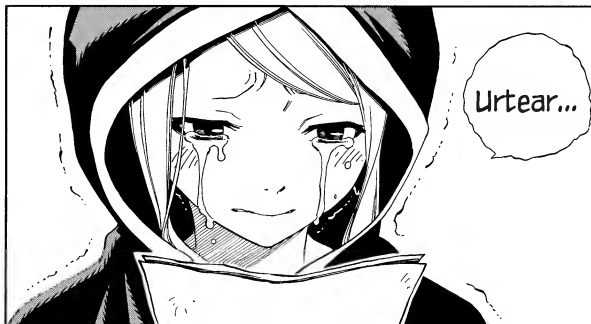
...will bring
happiness to
all. That is
what I pray.

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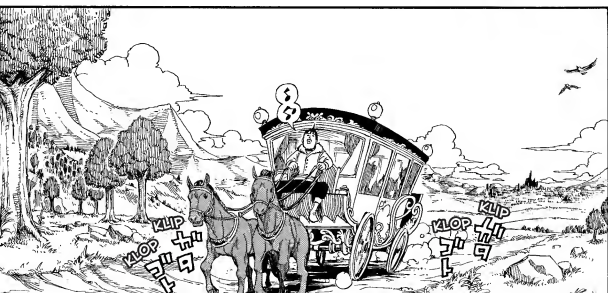
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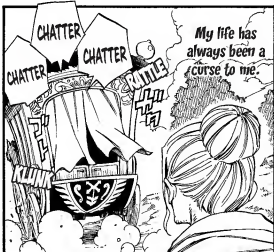


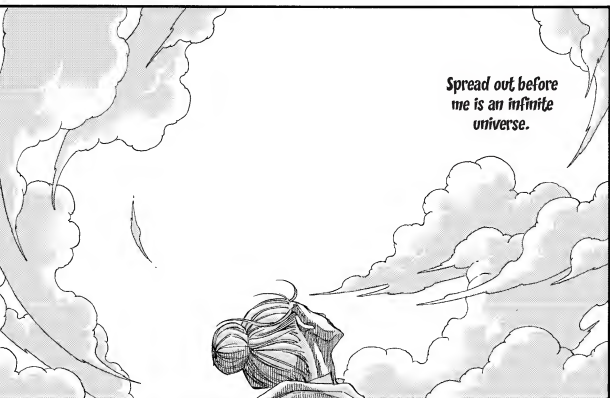
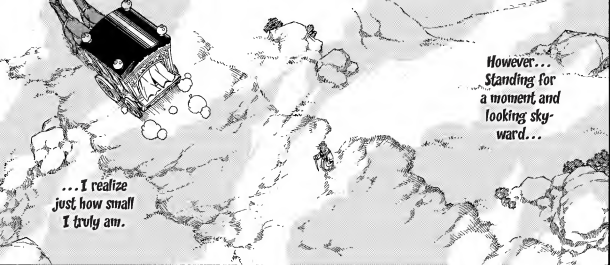
This
journey of
yours...



Urtear...





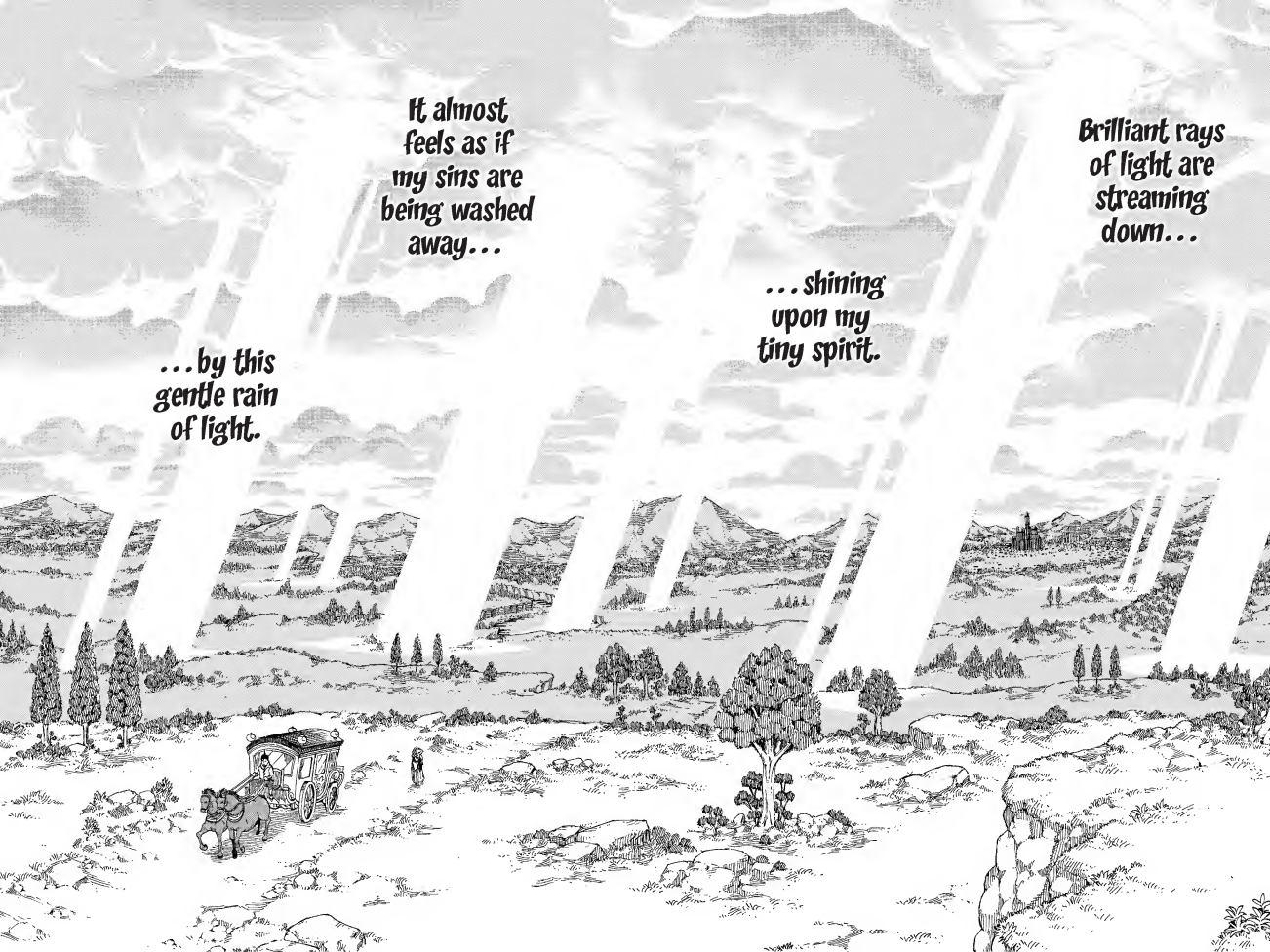


It almost
feels as if
my sins are
being washed
away...

Brilliant rays
of light are
streaming
down...

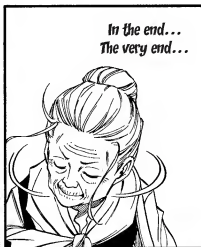
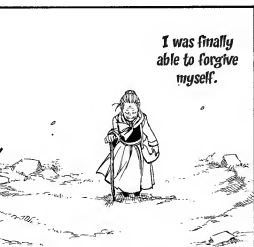
...by this
gentle rain
of light.

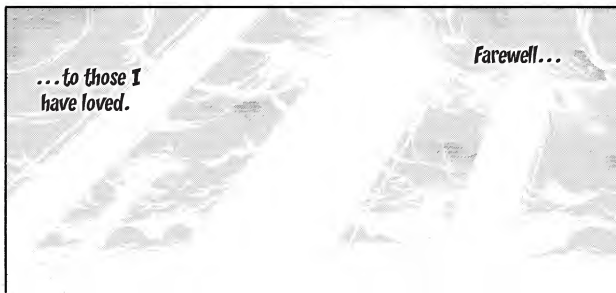
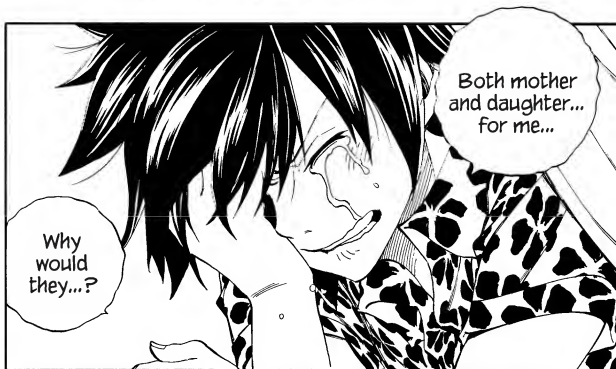
...shining
upon my
tiny spirit.



*For the first
time in my
life, I am glad
I was born.*









 **FAIRYTAIL**



Chapter 340: Delivery



Magnolia

...



Welcome home!!

We've been waiting for you!!!



Hurry up, everybody!
Over here!
Over here!

They're here!
They're back!!



Let's give them a roaring round of applause !!!

Welcome back, to the guild that won the Grand Magic Games!!!

Fairy Tail has returned in triumph !!!!

Quit it, Elf!

We did it, Lisan-na!

Hiii!

Mira-chan, look this way!

Yaaay! We actually did win it!

Aye, sir!

We're home!

We're number one!!

Ohh! This is impressive!!

Dial it down a little, Cana!

A party! Booze!

Hey, let's see some energy out of you!

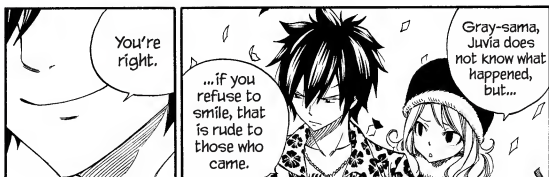
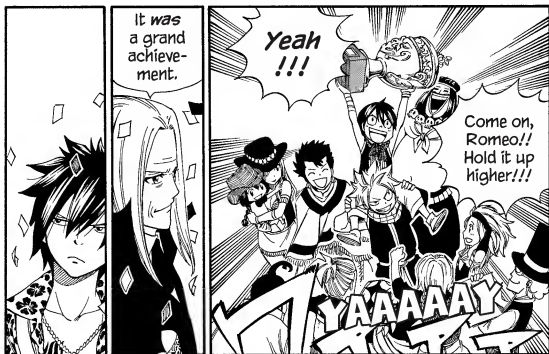
I want to thank everyone for all the support you've given us.

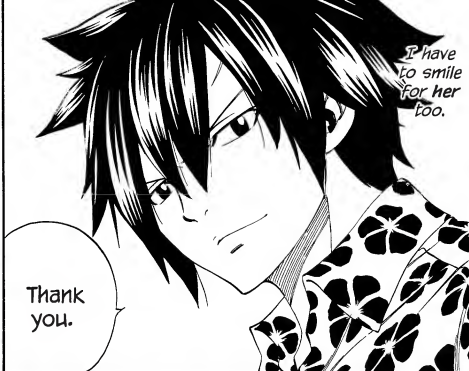
It looks like people from all over the region are here.

Look at that crowd...











BOOOOOM

**Fairy Tail is
the pride of
our town!**

**So, as a
present, we
have repaired
your guild
building.**

FAIRYTAIL



Aye,
sir
!!!!

The
guild's
back to
how it
was!!!!



...to
make the
repairs.

The
entire
town
pitched
in...

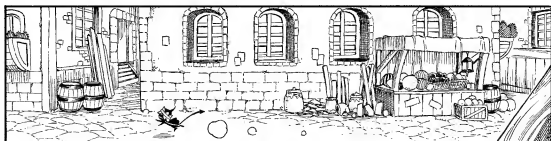


No, no...

You are...
such a nice
mayor...

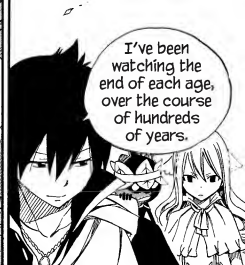


I really
love this
town!!!!













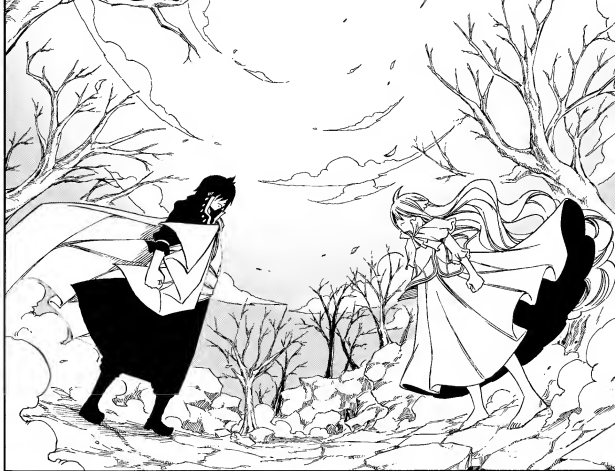
**I will
not leave
a single
one
alive.**

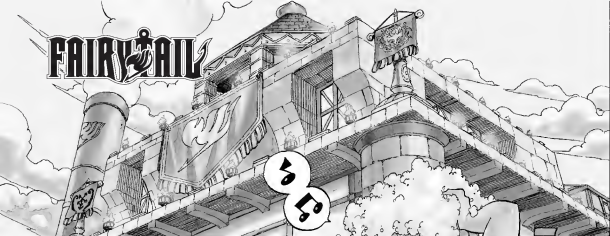
**This will
be an
extermi-
nation.**



**You will
be the one
to meet
your end.**

**Fairy
Tail will
stop
you.**







Chapter 341: The Morning of a New Adventure



 FAIRYTAIL





Come to think of it, Natsu and Gray said they were going out on a rare duo-job too.



Why did you bring *them*?

So please save us, Gajeel!!

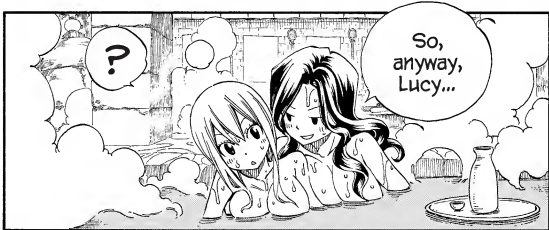
They just tagged along!



Happy's probably with them, too.

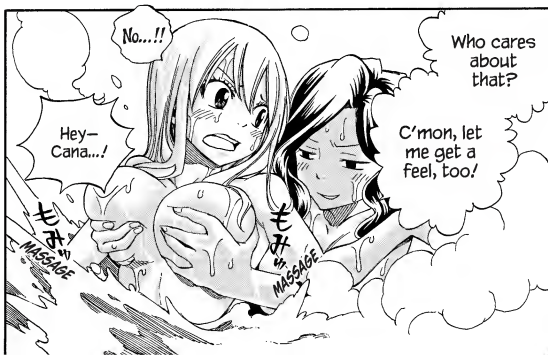
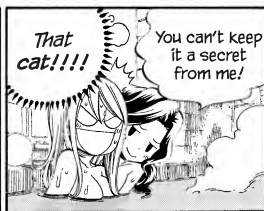
Well, they *have* been more chummy lately. But I wouldn't expect them to go off alone together.

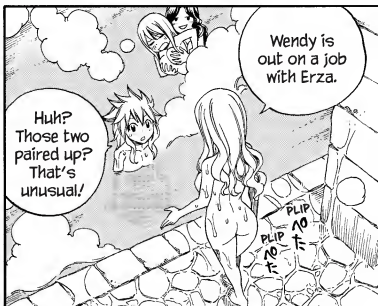
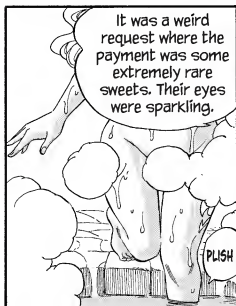
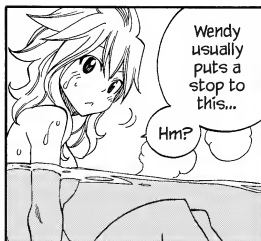
Those two?! That *is* unusual !!

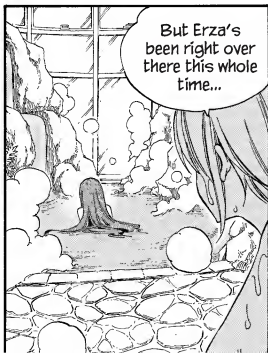
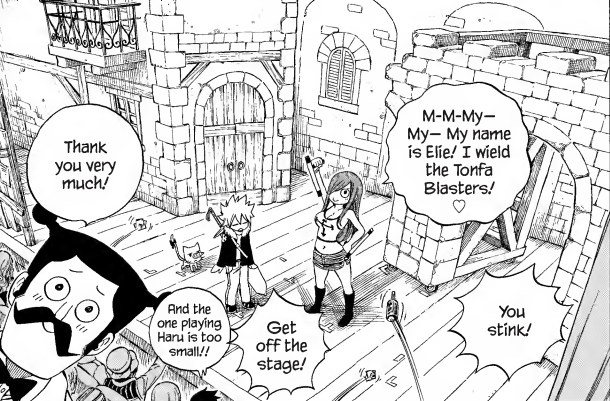


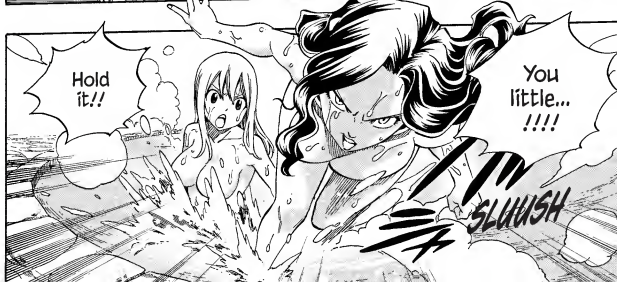
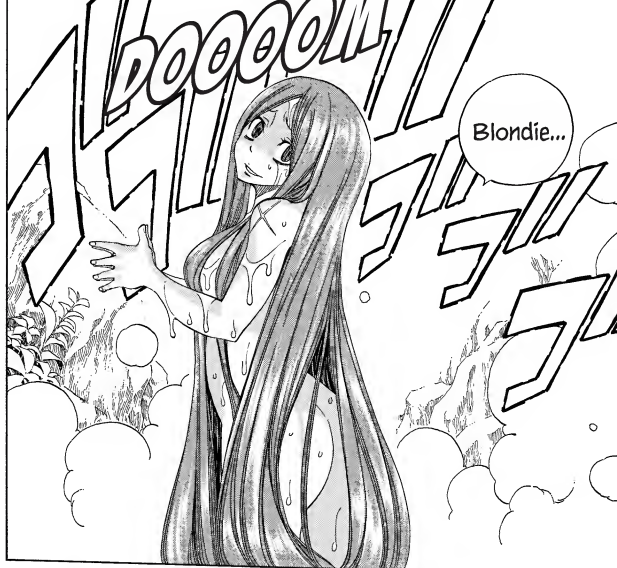
So, anyway, Lucy...

?











She's...
not so
bad!

What do you
think you're
doing, Lucy?!
She's...



ZLOOSH

SAAH!

Ngah!



GRAB

SLIP



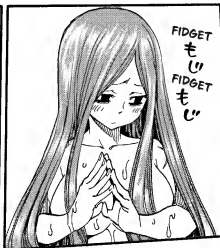
SLUUM

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FIDGET
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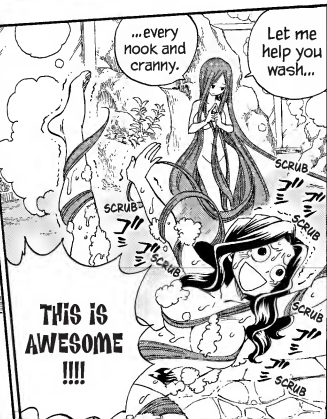


Huh?



Raven
Tail... isn't
around
anymore...

...I
have... no
place to
go...



...every
nook and
cranny.

Let me
help you
wash...

SCRUB

SCRUB

SCRUB

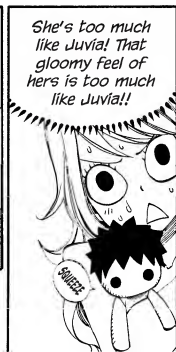
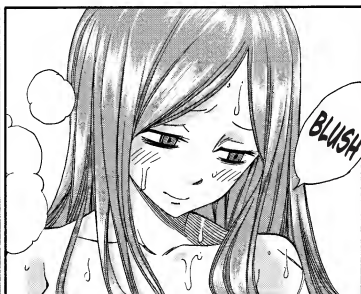
SCRUB

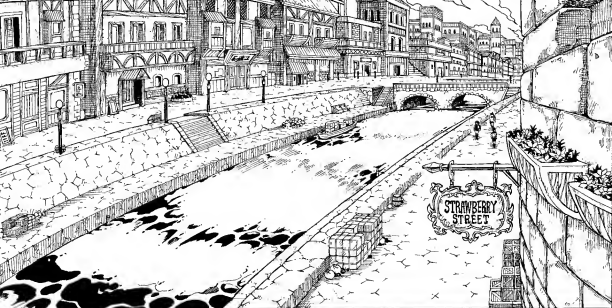
SCRUB

SCRUB

SCRUB

THIS IS
AWESOME
!!!!









But I'm wondering if Happy's group is back yet!



Like a dream!

Kind of...
Hrm...



Not that we're worried about them or anything.

I hear the job was close by, so maybe we should go check on them?



Foolishness!! Three days have already passed!

They said it'd be an easy job, but they're taking an awfully long time.

We even saved some sweets for them!



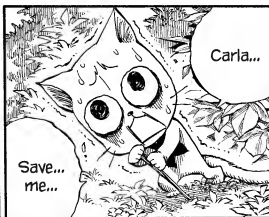
Hold on! I'll come along, too!



You think they might be in trouble?

That is true... Considering their abilities, the fact that they've yet to return is a bit worrisome.







That's my
line, you
exhibitionist
creep!!!!



And here
I was
worried...

The
usual...

Aww.

That's
'cause
you never
attack fast
enough...

You always go
on the attack
without a single
thought in your
head!!!



All right...
Perhaps you
have taken this
far enough.

CLAP
CLAP

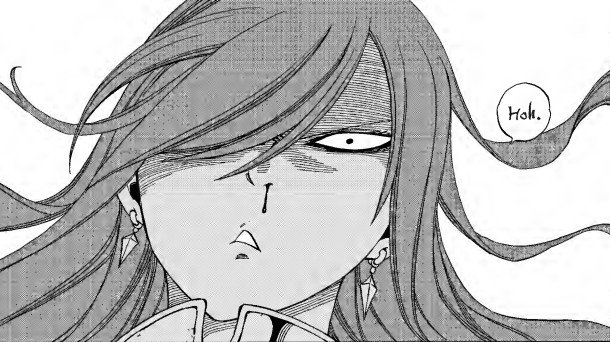


Well, we *do*
sleep and
eat.

That for a
full three
days?

Oh?
What a
cute arg-
ument.





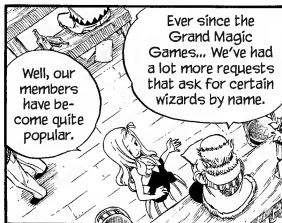


As if *I'd* ever agree to go on another job with *you!!*

You aren't kids, you know!

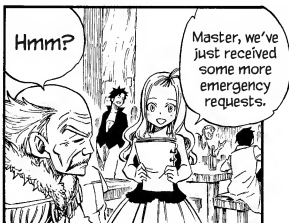
What are we going to do with the two of you?

I'm *never* going out on a job with him again!



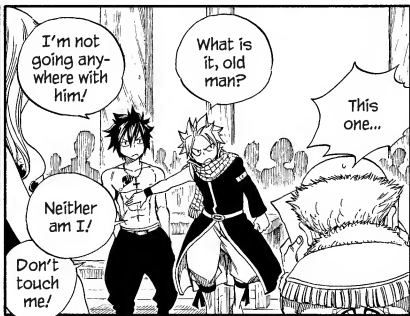
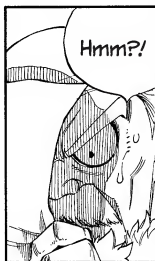
Well, our members have become quite popular.

Ever since the Grand Magic Games... We've had a lot more requests that ask for certain wizards by name.



Hmm?

Master, we've just received some more emergency requests.





The one
who put in
the request
is Warrod
Sequen.

He is ranked
fourth among
the wizard
saints, and has
been dubbed
one of the Four
Emperors of
Ishgal.

Why would
such a pow-
erful wizard
want...?

What
does that
mean?

A wizard
saint request-
ing a job?!!

Whaa
?!!!

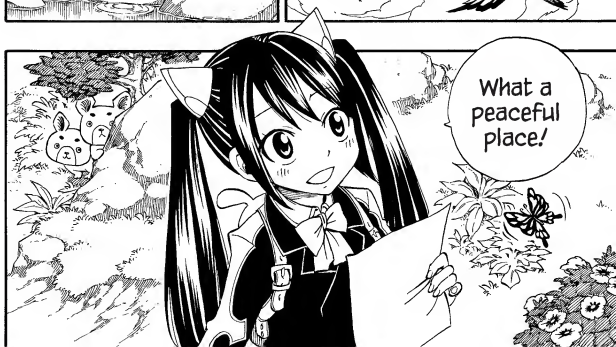
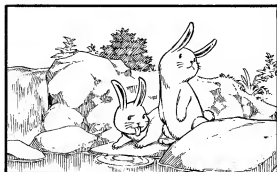
!!!



What
in the
world?



Chapter 342: Warrod Sequen

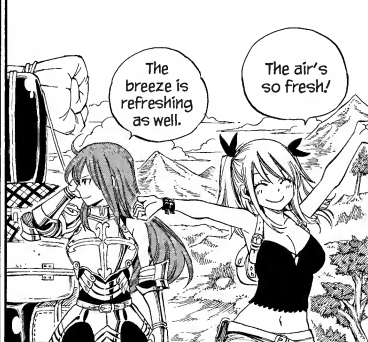


What a peaceful place!



Yes, it would be...

This is fun!
Kind of like a picnic!



The breeze is refreshing as well.

The air's so fresh!



The stupid color of your hair is making my eyes hurt!!
Do something about it!!

And put some clothes on!!

Why would I eat anything of yours?!

You ate the meat I reserved for *me*!!

...if it weren't for those two.



This doesn't bode well.

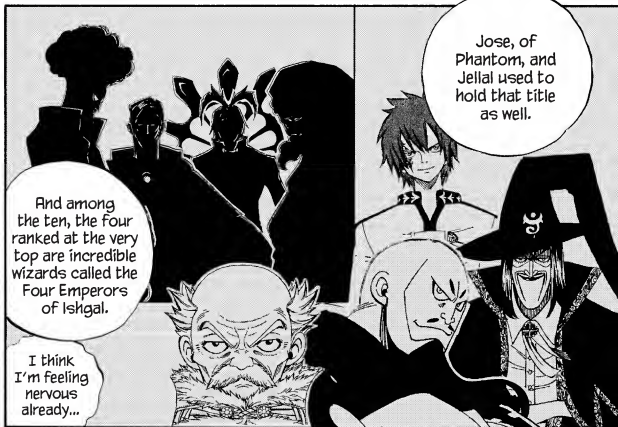
And here we came because we were afraid they wouldn't get along if we left them alone together.

Shape up, both of you!! We are about to be in the presence of someone of very high rank!



Indeed. Our master and Jura of Lamia are two of them.

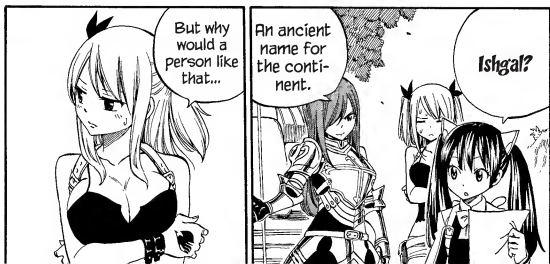
If I remember right, these ten wizard saints are the ten strongest wizards on the entire continent, according to the Council...
Was that it?



And among the ten, the four ranked at the very top are incredible wizards called the Four Emperors of Ishgal.

I think I'm feeling nervous already...

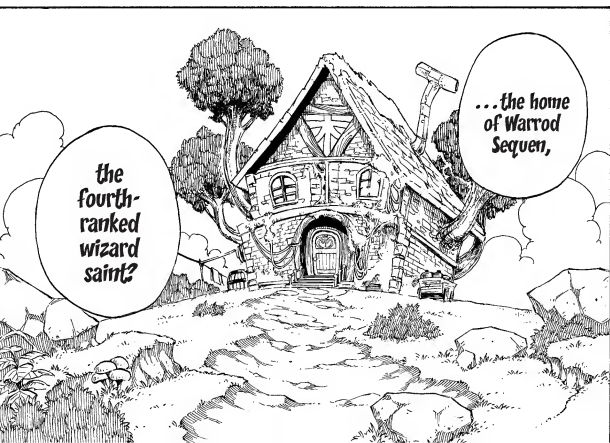
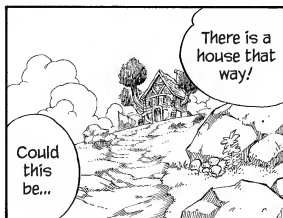
Jose, of Phantom, and Jellal used to hold that title as well.

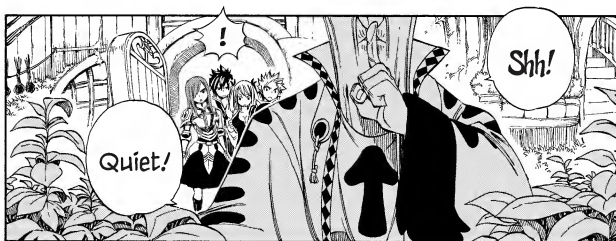


But why would a person like that...

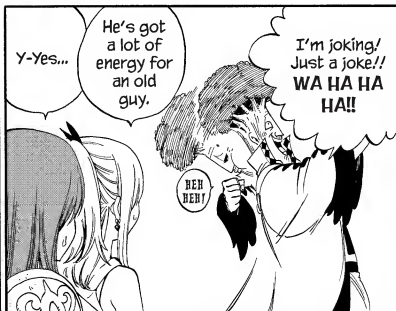
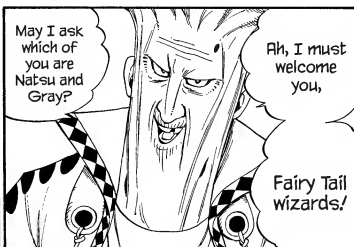
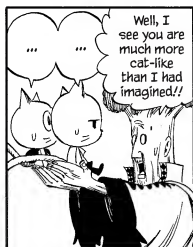
An ancient name for the continent.

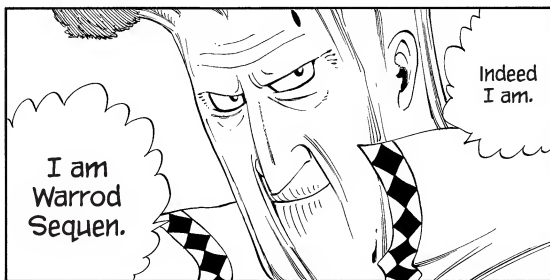
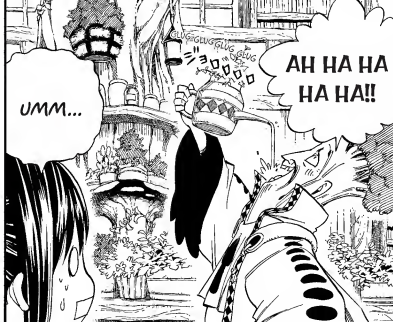
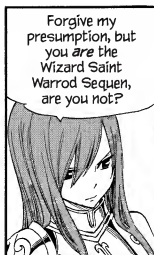
Ishgal?

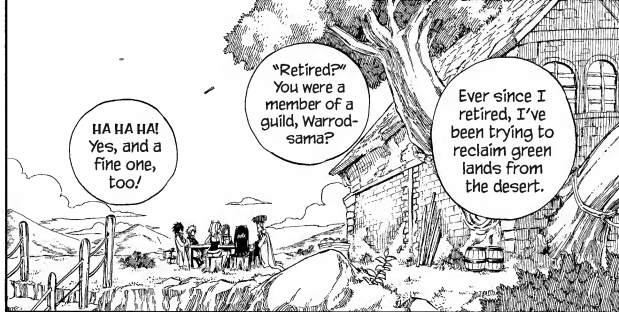








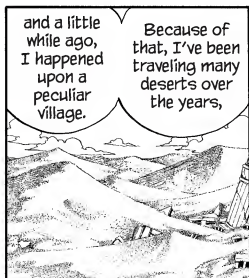




HA HA HA!
Yes, and a
fine one,
too!

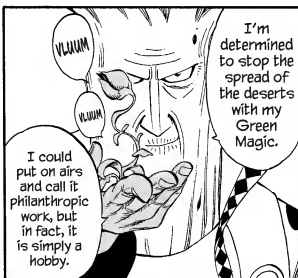
"Retired?"
You were a
member of a
guild, Warrod-
sama?

Ever since I
retired, I've
been trying to
reclaim green
lands from
the desert.



and a little
while ago,
I happened
upon a
peculiar
village.

Because of
that, I've been
traveling many
deserts over
the years,



VUUUM

VUUUM

I'm
determined
to stop the
spread of
the deserts
with my
Green
Magic.

I could
put on airs
and call it
philanthropic
work, but
in fact, it
is simply a
hobby.



An
eternally
burning
flame?



According
to records,
it is the
"Village of
the Sun."

Its residents
worship an
eternally
burning flame
as a guardian
god.



I do not know if the disaster is natural or man-made ...



?!



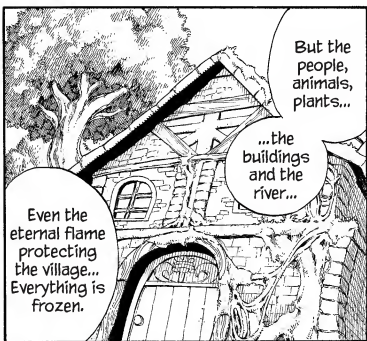
Yes...

However, the village is frozen over.



A flame, frozen?!

How could ...?



But the people, animals, plants...

...the buildings and the river...

Even the eternal flame protecting the village... Everything is frozen.



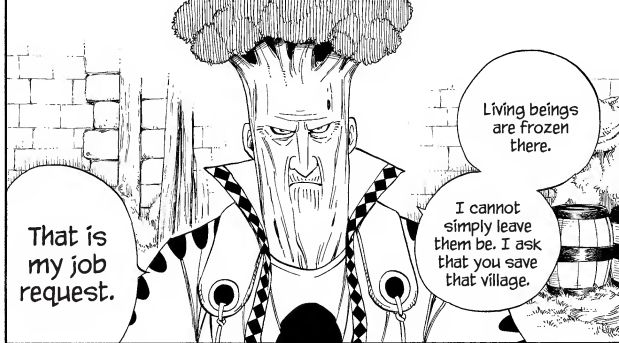
What does that mean?

Frozen in ice, but still alive...?



I do not know what happened in that village ...

...but the frozen people are still alive.



That is
my job
request.

Living beings
are frozen
there.

I cannot
simply leave
them be. I ask
that you save
that village.



Well...
It was no
ordinary
ice.

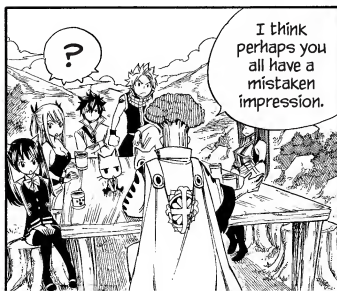
If that's it,
then you
don't need
me.

I am sure
your team
will need your
abilities as
well.

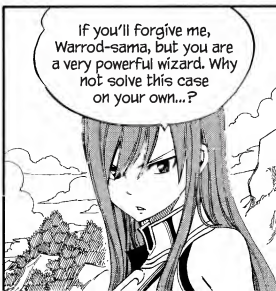


That makes
sense. Sure!
It'll be easy
!!!

I'll
just melt
the whole
place with
my fire!!!!



I think
perhaps you
all have a
mistaken
impression.



If you'll forgive me,
Warrod-sama, but you are
a very powerful wizard. Why
not solve this case
on your own...?



On the continent of Ishgal alone, I am surpassed by innumerable wizards, and if we leave Ishgal, then I am really quite small in the scheme of things.

We're called the ten wizard saints, but we are not all-powerful. We were assigned the position by the Council without us having a say in the matter.



All have their strengths and weaknesses. Don't we have comrades to supplement our weaknesses with their strengths? Is that not what a guild is for?



Perhaps, but...

In fact, I know very little in the ways of attack magic.

I sincerely doubt I could defeat any young wizards in a battle.



Please
leave it to
us!!

Right!!

Consider
this job
taken!!

Just so.
Wise words,
indeed.

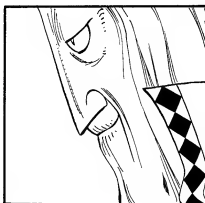


Just gather
yourselves
here.

Do not
forget your
luggage.

Well, at
least I
can help
transport
you.

UMPH!



It is
perhaps
1,200
miles to
the south.

So where
is this
village?

Quite a
distance.



YAHOOOO!!!!

The tree
moves like
a living
creature...

WOW!

Amazing!

You're
about to
fall off.

It's like
we're on a
ride!

Yaay!

WIGGYO



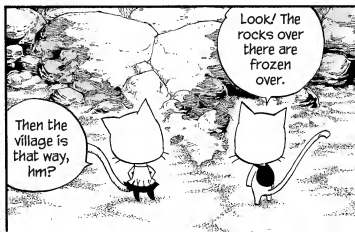
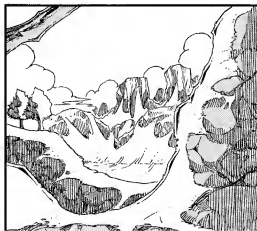








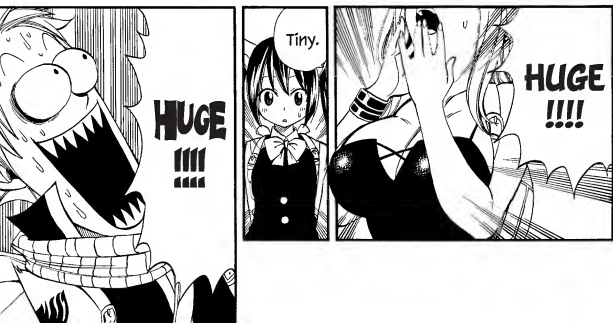
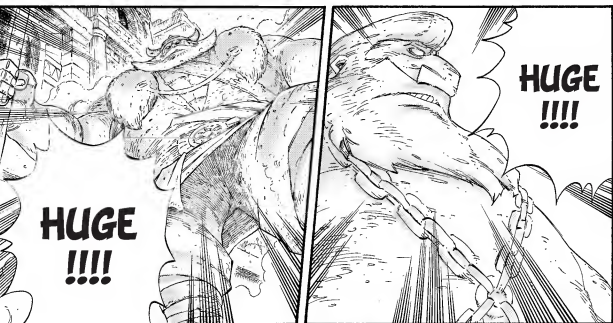
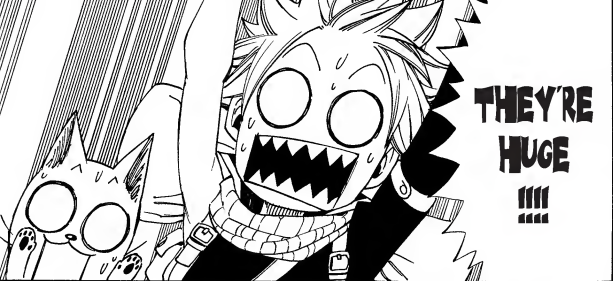
343:
Treasure
Hunters





BOOOM





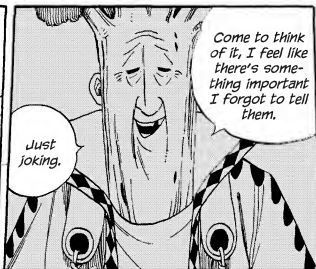


This is a
village of
giants
?!?!

Um... Did
someone say
something
about me just
now...?

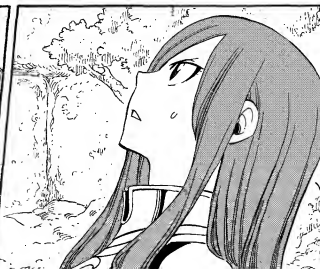


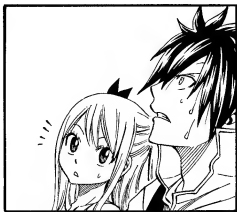
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probably what
he's thinking
right now.

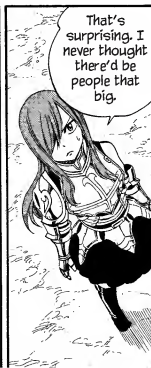
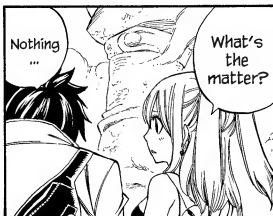


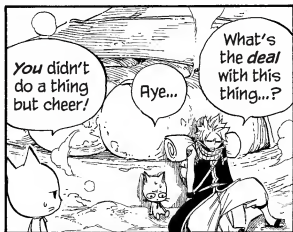
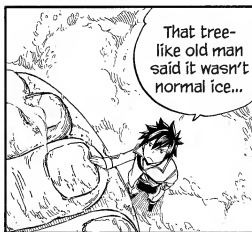
Just
joking.

Come to think
of it, I feel like
there's some-
thing important
I forgot to tell
them.











But...it does remind me of somebody's magic...



This won't be solved so easily, huh?

...

So your magic cannot melt it either?

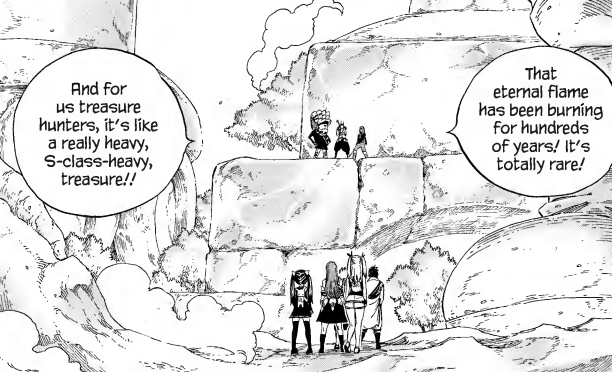


Huh? Somebody beat us here?



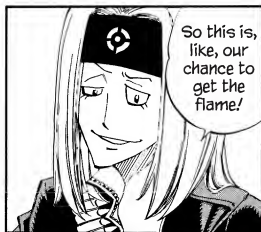






And for us treasure hunters, it's like a really heavy, S-class-heavy, treasure!!

That eternal flame has been burning for hundreds of years! It's totally rare!



So this is, like, our chance to get the flame!



Then, for who knows what reason, the giants went and DUUN froze all up, right?

But... we ain't been able to even get near it because of those giants guarding the thing!



...



If you just go in and steal it, you'd be no better than common thieves!

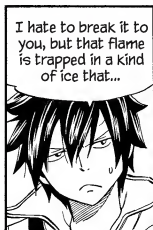
But... that flame is the guardian god for the village. I hear it's very important to them.



**DUUN!
DUUN!**

So if somebody
lets their stuff get
taken, it's, like, so
heavily their own
fault!!!!

Treasure hunters
are supposed to
get their hands on
treasure!!!!



I hate to break it to
you, but that flame
is trapped in a kind
of ice that...



DUUN!

**Right!!
Let's
go!!!**

We can't stick
around for this!!
Let's just claim the
treasure before they
can get in our way!!

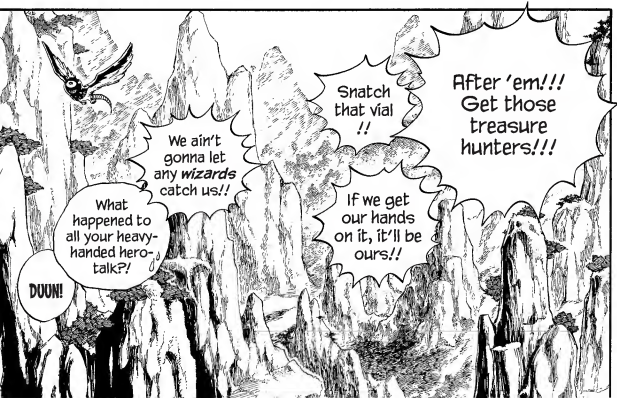
"Claim"
...?

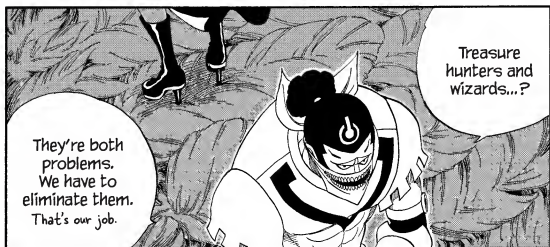
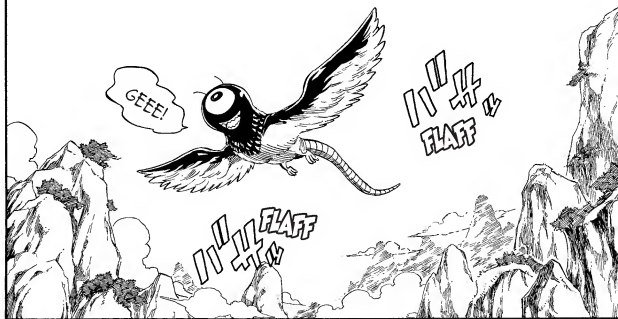
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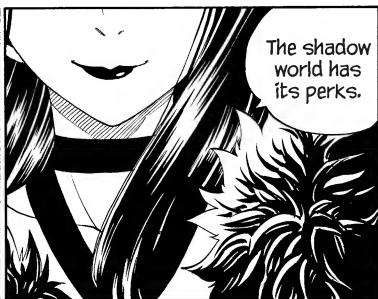
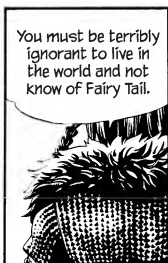
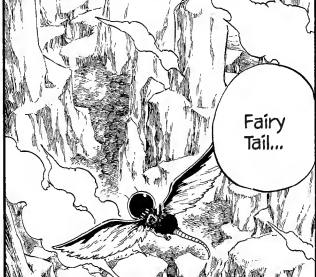


We got this
heavy secret
potion, "**Moon
Drip,**" and
it's heavy into
melting all
sorts of ice!!

Treasure
hunters are
heavy with the
treasure-getting
skills!!









You are
to call me,
"Princess."



DARK GUILD
SUCCUBUS EYE
MINERVA ORLAND

FAIRY TAIL

Chapter 344: Wizards Vs. Hunters



SABER TOOTH

Name: **Sting Eucliffe** Age: **19 yrs.**

Magic: **Dragon Slayer Magic**

Likes: **Lecter, Natsu-san** Dislikes: **The old guild**

Remarks

A member of the strongest guild, Sabertooth. He teamed up with Rogue, and since both are dragon slayer wizards, they have become famous as the Twin Dragons. A long time ago, he was raised by the White Dragon, Weisslogia, who taught him dragon slayer magic. His goal was to defeat Natsu, and that feeling has led to his looking up to Natsu. After the Grand Magic Games, he became the leader of the Sabertooth guild.

BOOM BOOM BOOM BOOM BOOM BOOM

We can
rescue those
giants with
that "drip"
that you
got!!!

Stop
right
there
!!!!

Besides, it's
DUUN scary
to bring those
giants back to
life!!!

We had to go to
this island that
was heavy with all
these demons, and
to look so heavily
hard!!!

Don't even joke
about that!! You
have no idea how
hard it was to
get our hands on
Moon Drip!!

They'll be
fine...I
hope.

Why
are you
frozen?!

I hope
she's not
breaking
any of the
giants!

She stayed in
the village to
look for more
clues there.

Huh?
Come to think
of it, where's
Erza?



We will take
out anybody
who gets in
our way!

Treasure
hunting is
dangerous
business!
DUUN!

If we let some
stupid wizards
treat us like crap,
then it's heavily
all over for
us!!

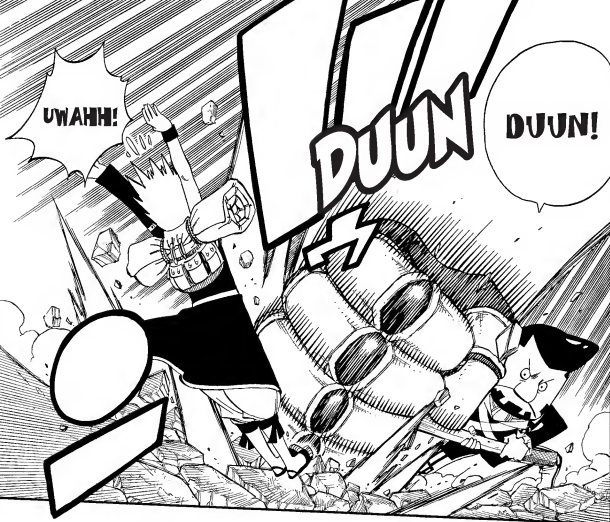


If you wanna
fight, then
we're game!
We'll crush
you!

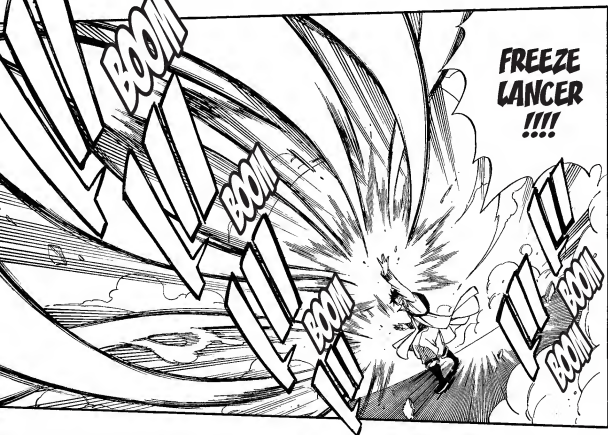
We're
all in a
dangerous
business!

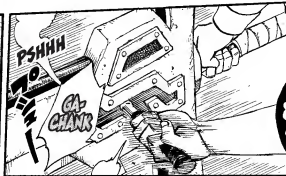
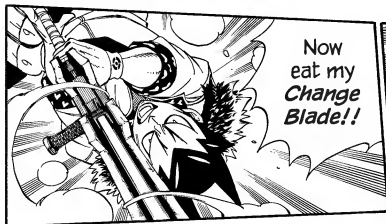


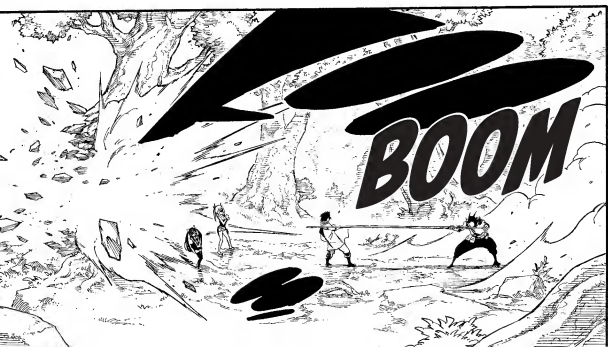
I'm all
fired
up!!!!















**SYLPH
LABYRINTH
SNIPER DRAKE**

My *Type
74** is out
for your
blood!

*The Type 74 is the main tank of the Japanese Ground Self-Defense Force.

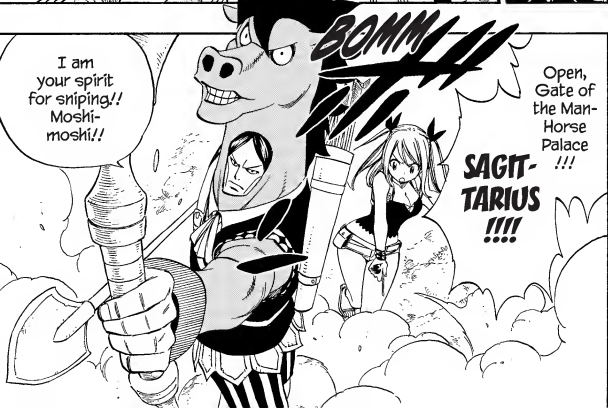


I'm on
it!!

Lucy-san,
it's coming
from up
there!



I smell
gunpowder!



I am
your spirit
for sniping!!
Moshi-
moshi!!

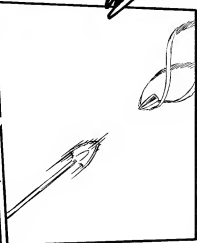
BOMM!!

Open,
Gate of the
Man-
Horse
Palace
!!!

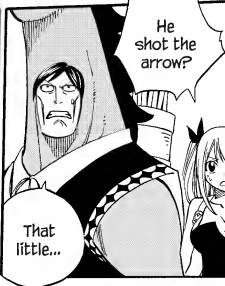
**SAGIT-
TARIUS
!!!!**



Heh!



I'm a genius sniper. I won't go down that easy!

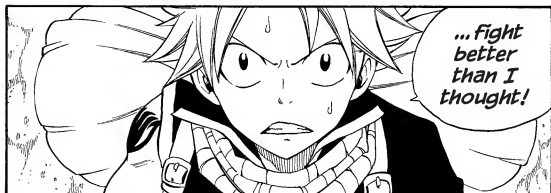


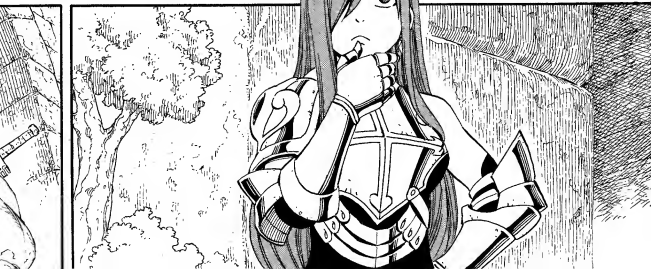
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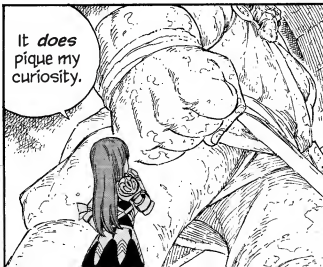
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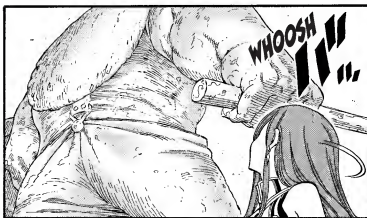
You're kidding...













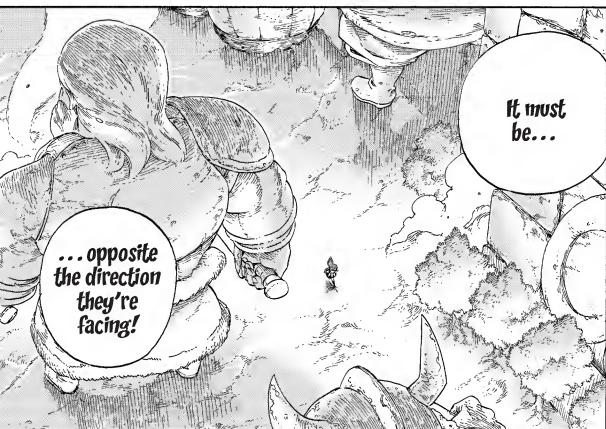
In other words...

If they worshipped the eternal flame as a guardian deity...

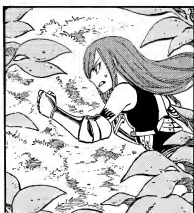
...then they must have been protecting it from some outside enemy.

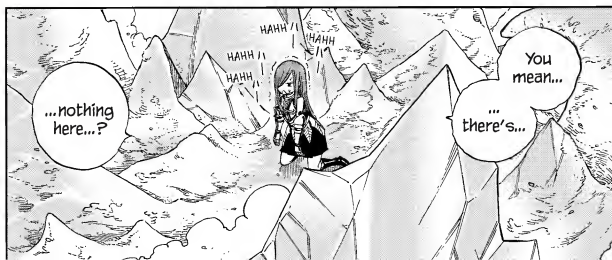
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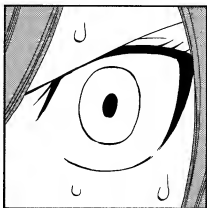
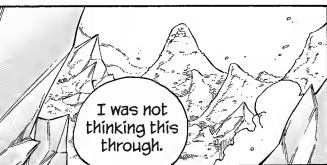
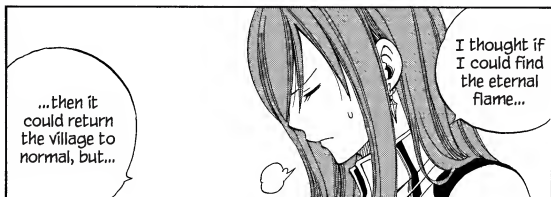
"Even the eternal flame protecting the village... Everything is frozen."

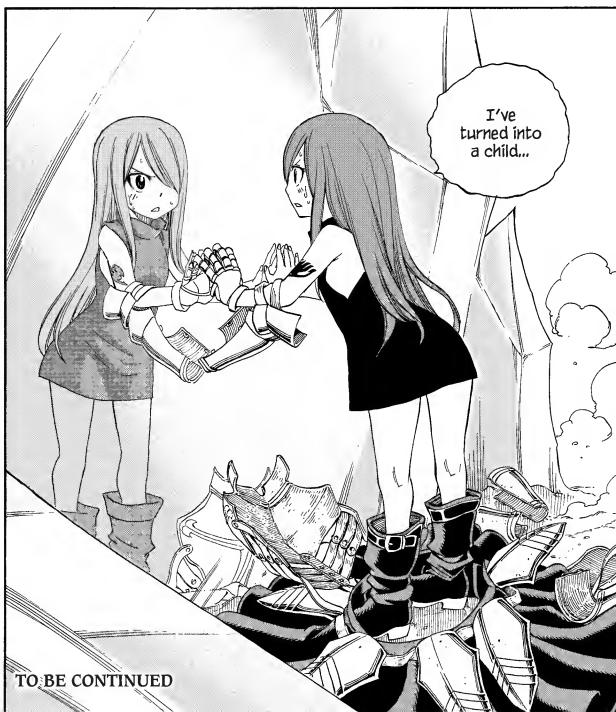


It must be...









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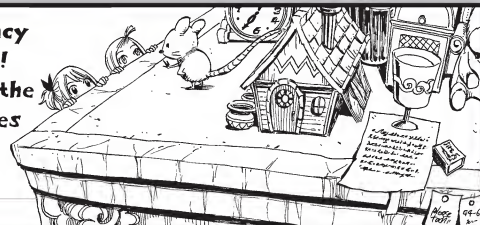
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Afterword

The Grand Magic Games arc is over! And it was long! So long! I wonder how many characters made an appearance? I counted up to eighty, but afterwards, I just stopped counting. I'd like to explain it a little if you don't mind.

When we were planning chapter 337, "The Golden Grasslands," there was a disagreement. It was between "hard to understand" and "the feeling you get when something is hard to understand." In other words, it isn't an easy chapter to figure out. Normally a rule for shonen manga is that it should be easy to understand. And I'm always keeping that rule in mind when I make my stories. For just about every chapter, I'm always trying to twist ideas around in my mind to find ways to make difficult concepts easier to get. So what it came down to is the decision to make chapter 337 a "difficult to understand" chapter. Of the two opinions I mentioned above, we chose the latter. Well, we've been at this a long time, so it's not a bad idea to mix things up with a little of this kind of thing. So we're back to normal time, and where was that place that Future Lucy went to? I have an answer, but I've decided not to talk about it. Pick your own answer, and that'll be the correct one. Also chapters 338-343, six chapters, were all done in the magazine over the course of only two weeks. Now that was an undertaking, but the reaction was big and overwhelmingly positive, so I was really happy with that. If I get the chance, I'd like to do some more fun, special projects like that! By the way, in 338, there were Numbermen! (people who are numbered 1 - 8) hidden in there. Did you find them all?

Emergency Request! Explain the mysteries of F.T.



Somewhere in Magnolia...

Lucy: Hi, everybody!

Mira: When our corner was missing from the last volume, I thought it was all over for us!

Lucy: Didn't we have a conversation like this before?

Mira: Here's the first question of the column!

After seeing Makarov's and Ivan's HAIR I fear for Laxus's future.



Lucy: Awww...



: I think he should just accept it as lost.



: Hey! That's awful!

Mira: I don't see much help for it.

Lucy: But isn't this something you really can't predict?

Mira: I suppose. Come to think of it, there's me and Lisanna and Elfman. None of our hair matches the others.

Lucy: I get the feeling that your case is a little different from this, though.

Mira: Now the next question.

Is there a key that calls the king of the Celestial Spirits?



: Oh, yeah!! I want to know!!

Mira: Even if there is, we can't talk about it here.

Lucy: Huh? Why is that?



: Heh heh heh... Actually, I own it.



: Whaaa...?!!

Mira: I'm kidding, of course. What did you expect?

Lucy: Can we stop with the disjointed lies, please?

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Continued from the left-hand page.

Mira: Such a thing may come up in the future, so look forward to hearing about it!



: And I'm going to get that key!! Count on it!

Mira: I'll never give it to you.

Lucy: But you *just* said that you didn't have it!

Mira: Next question!

I was really moved by that one minute that Ultear made. But wouldn't Future Rogue and the dragons have seen what happens in the minute too?



Lucy: I was running for my life at the time, so I didn't even notice it.

Mira: Okay, this wasn't explained well enough in the course of the story, but Future Rogue and the dragons had all passed through time into a different era, right?

Lucy: Yes, that's right.

Mira: And since they're people for whom time is already a bit warped, they didn't even feel the extra minute that Ultear had created.

Lucy: So it was a minute that only people who were from our particular timeline could feel.

Mira: Yes. It's only a minute... But in that minute there were a lot of lives that got saved.

Lucy: I think...she was really heroic there.

Mira: And now the last question for this column.

Was that scene where Lucy got nude really necessary?



: It certainly was *not* necessary!!



: Still, I predicted it in Volume 37, and it turned out just like I said!

Lucy: Come on!! It's because you say those stupid things that the author is then forced to draw the darned thing!

"Those stupid things" from Vol. 37, page 196.

Mira: Yep! ♡ Actually, Lucy, Carla had a dream about you suddenly becoming nude in front of a huge number of people.

Mira: About that... Many of our readers may not know this, but the magazine installments (in Weekly Shonen Magazine) are published far in advance of the graphic novel volumes.

Lucy: I think I kinda knew that.

Mira: So when 37 was published, Lucy's nude scene had already appeared in the magazine. Or at least it had already been drawn.



: So it *wasn't* Carla's prediction after all!!

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How cute!
And they're both wearing animal ears!! It looks good on them!

Aichi Prefecture, Mitani



Aichi Prefecture, Misaki Sugawara



Nara Prefecture, Kato Okuda



▲ This one's cute! Happy, what do you think you're doing?!



Otsuka, Roruru

For a while, these three characters have made peace with their relationships. But what happens from here on out?

▲ These two have a quiet popularity. They don't seem like executioners, huh?

Osaka Prefecture, Kiki Inakura



▲ This person did a great job representing the blacks and whites in the Hakaiteny (White Shadow Dragon).

Osaka Prefecture, Rytama



▲ That Eclipse Door is incredibly hard to draw, and he drew it... Gotta hand it to you.

Aichi Prefecture, Minori Fukui



▲ Two of the main characters that influence an original story for the anime, Cobra and Kinan. Kind of nice, huh?

Hiroshima Prefecture, Taichi Kobayashi



▲ Whoa!! This one's cool!! It's hard to draw large eyes well!

Hey! What do you think you're wearing? Tail-tail!!



Aichi Prefecture, Ayumu Yamashita

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Kanagawa Prefecture, Kitta Takahashi



Niigata Prefecture, Pikapon-chan



▲ Wendy with a little bit of sexiness is a good thing. The bunnies are cute too!

Mie Prefecture, Yuna Yamamoto



▲ Celestial Spirits Assemble!! It must have been a lot of work drawing all of those spirits!

Osaka, Queen



▲ Is Zeref finally a part of the story again? Keep your eyes open after this!

Hokkaido, Hal-chan



▲ Ah ha ha ha! I really love this drawing! Glaciator's character really comes out in it!

Osakaya Prefecture, Kagura-Iove



▲ Kagura is so popular!! Someday I want her to come back!

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FAIRY TAIL 40

フェアリーテイル

WARROD

HO HA HA HA...

GU HO HO!

真島ヒロ HIROSHIMA



FROM HIRO MASHIMA



This has become a really long series!
But it's still going on.
With this volume, the extremely
long Grand Magic Games comes to
an end, and we're already into a new
story! I plan to introduce a lot of new
characters too. Look for them!

Translation Notes:

Japanese is a tricky language for most Westerners, and translation is often more art than science. For your edification and reading pleasure, here are notes on some of the places where we could have gone in a different direction with our translation of the work, or where a Japanese cultural reference is used.

Page 23, Festival



All the elements on this page, except Plue and the cats, are commonly found in summertime festivals (*matsuri*) in Japan.

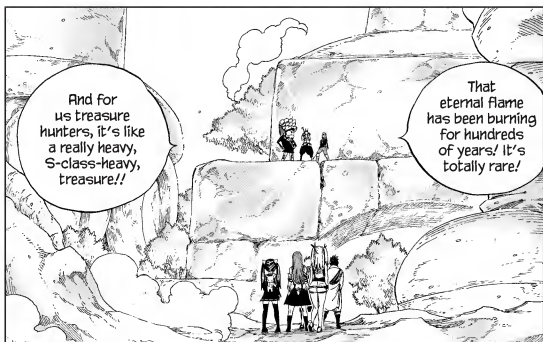
- All the cats are wearing the light cotton kimono called *yukata* while doing a dance around a pavilion at the center of the festival grounds that commonly hold the festival's organizers and the musical entertainment.

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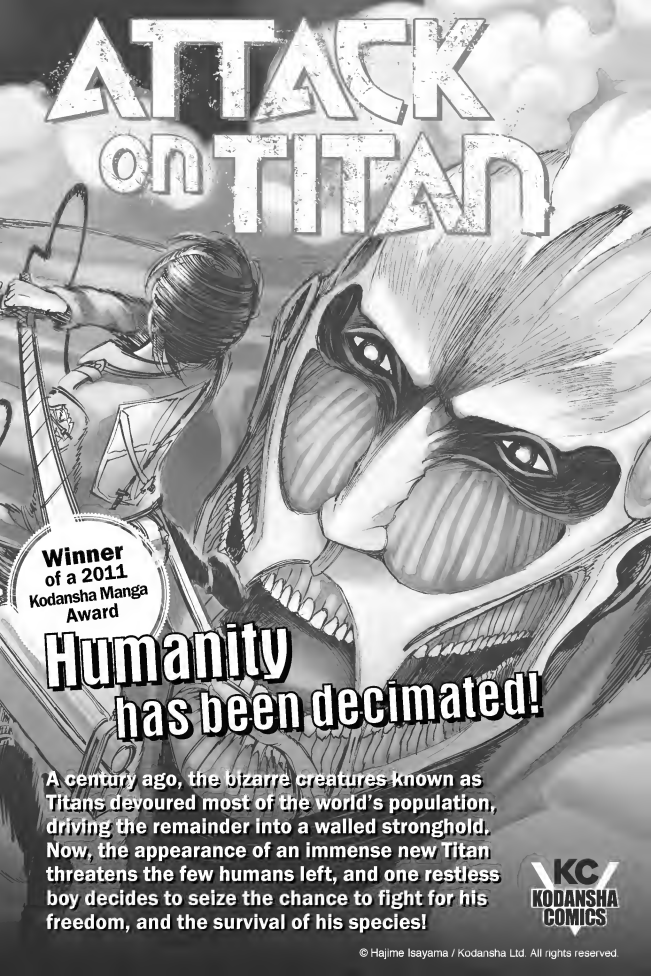
- The festival of Obon, held in mid August, often has fireworks.
- The round fan called an *uchiwa* is used to keep oneself cool.
- Some festival edible treats are fried squid on a stick, shaved ice, takoyaki (octopus balls), cotton candy, candied apples, and corn on the cob.
- The red painted *torii* archway is festooned with paper lanterns and a large banner with the *kanji* for *matsuri*, which means festival.
- Games at a festival include water balloon yoyos, archery, target shooting, ring toss, and goldfish catching.
- In the upper left hand corner are common decorations found at festivals.

Page 169, Like, Heavy and Duun

Each of these three characters have certain speech patterns that identify them. To start with, the character codenamed Hammer Rala says, "Duun." He says that in Japanese too. The character codenamed Sniper Drake (the blonde) speaks like a standard but slightly dim high-school guy. The one codenamed Sword Hiroshi always uses the Japanese word *chô*, which means "very" in certain *kanji* compounds. I've replaced the word with "heavy," and used it in pretty much the same way he uses *chô*.



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